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Meeting Lincoln

Original letters describing encounters with the 16th President of the United States

Surnames beginning with

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Port Washington Muscarawas County Ohio.
March 24th 1932.

Howard K. Terry. Bustleton Pa.

Dear Mr. Terry:-

Your letter of Feb. 25th 1932 at hand as requested, give you my recollections of what I remember of Abraham Lincoln, when I saw and heard, him make a few remarks, I would hardly call it a speech, at Port Washington. His manner, appearance, and what he said, and the way he said it illustrates the character of the great man, he proved himself to be afterwards when he saved the great American Union, from disunion. I am enclosing a discription of the event. I always considered it the great event of my life, and there is considerable reference to me personally, because I considered it necessary in order to make the picture, clear and distinct. The only way to reach Washington from this place was by way of Baltimore, and his journey was kept secret as much as possible, because his friends feared for his life, on his journey, as he in Baltimore which city contained many Southern sympathisers and sectional feeling was running in Baltimore more than Chicago or the country at that time, and Lincolns friends feared for his safety. Let me hear from you any

Write me regards, and Best wishes I am
Sincerely Yours. Philip Lammerd.
P.S. I used a poor pen, so my writing is not as
good as it usually is.

When Lincoln stopped at Port Washington
on his way to Washington City.

February 21st 1861 Abraham Lincoln passed through
Port Washington Wisconsin, Ozaukee County Ohio, on his way
from Springfield Illinois, to Washington, to be
inaugurated president, on the 4th day of March
next. I was born on the 4th day of March 1845
the day James K. Polk was inaugurated president.
I was sweet 16 then, as the girls said. I was a
good scholar, well versed in history, and could
repeat from memory the names of all the presidents
when and where they were born, when inaugurated,
the party that elected them, and the issues upon
which they were elected. I astonished my teacher.
I can still do the same, at 87 from George
Washington down the line to Herbert Hoover.
I have voted for 16 candidates for president,
among them Horace Greeley, in 1872 the founder of
the Republican party. When it became known,
that the president elect would pass through
Port Washington there was great excitement.
The people of Port Washington and surrounding
country, gathered, in the public square, formed a
procession, headed by James, and Christian
Hammersley leaders of the Port Washington Band
followed by Col. John Knight, the founder of the village,
Dr. David Nelson,
Allen Gaskill and Philip Everhart.

the school children, of whom I was one, headed by the teachers Samuel Miller and Jamie Snyder, and a great assemblage of people. When the procession reached the depot, about 9 o'clock A. M., no one knew when the train would arrive, and no way of finding out, as we had no telegraph, lines, telephones or radios, in those days. The band played at intervals to keep the people in good spirits. After waiting patiently for two hours, or more, we saw the train coming. We knew she had to stop, to take on wood and water. The wood was sawed by hand, in convenient lengths, the water was pumped by hand also, into a big tank. The train was made up, of a baggage car, a passenger car, the engine and the tender. There were no Pullman Palace sleeping, or dining cars, such as the presidents ride in now, when journeying over the country. The train stopped at the water tank, and wood-shed, to take on enough wood and water, to take her to the next stopping place, on her way to Washington. There were no news-paper reporters on the train, with Mr. Lincoln, as now accompany prominent and distinguished persons.

As soon as the train stopped, the people surrounded the last car, anxious, and eager, to see Mr. Lincoln. I was the only reporter in the crowd, and now after an interval of 71 years, I am making, from memory, the first report of that speech. The door of the car opened, and Mr. Lincoln a tall slender man, dressed in black, with a kindly smile on his face, looking exactly like his pictures we saw in the campaign, stepped out upon the platform, bowed to the people and addressed them saying:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I am pleased to see so many pleasant looking faces here, and am sorry I am not prepared with a speech for you. He then laughed, and we knew he was going to say something funny. I am like the man who was out hunting all day, and got nothing, on his way home he said it is well I did not shoot anything for I have no pot to cook it in. So if I had prepared a speech for you, I would have no time to deliver it. By this time they had the wood thrown in, and ready to start. Mr. Lincoln wished us all well, and saying, we might all

live to be old men, and women, and enjoy good health. He kindly thanked us for the honor we had shown him, bade us good bye, and as the train pulled out stood upon the platform, waving, at us, until the train disappeared around the bend. Lincoln was, a true Democrat, who believed in the principles of True Democracy, as enunciated and practiced by Thomas Jefferson. The American people are in great need now, of another Emancipator, who will free the American people, both black and white from the bondage, and slavery of the Stronger Power and Big Business. The American people, also need another William Jennings Bryan, at Chicago in June, at both National Conventions, prepared with a Cross of Gold and a Crown of Thorns speech, to arouse the American people to the imminent danger of loosing their liberties, their prosperity and their happiness.

Philip Cranmer

Port Washington Ohio 1932.

Lamon, Lucy A.

Paris, Ill.
L.visited in home

Paris, Ill.

" I saw Lincoln "

Full Name Mrs Lucy Alexander Lamon

Present Address 402 West Madison Paris Ill

Date of Birth Year 1843 Month January 29

Place of Birth Paris Ills

Where you saw Lincoln I saw Lincoln at my father's house

When you saw Lincoln In 1856 + 1858 When he spoke in

Remarks: - My uncles - Grove - my father died in
1856 - but at the time of his address he
went right over to my mothers house
to see her - The last time in Paris 1858

Lamon, Mrs. Lucy A.

Paris Ills June 28th 1929 -

Visited at Home Paris, Ill.

Mrs. Howard K. Zinn

Dear Sir,

your letter asking for data in regard to Mr Lincoln is at hand - I was a very young person when Mr Lincoln used to come to Paris, and I regret very much that none of our family but myself is living - Mr Douglas Stephen A) and Mr Lincoln have

here at our house together -
They were both warm friends
of my father - I am told
that I took my first steps
while Mr Lincoln was a
guest at the house - The
last time he was in Paris
was in 1858 - he delivered
a speech in a beautiful
grove belonging to my uncle
Col Alexander, and when
I left the place and re-
turned home, I found her

Lincoln had gone immediately after the close of the meeting to call on my mother, my father having died previously - The last time I saw Mr Lincoln was at the Continental Hotel in Philadelphia after his election to the Presidency - Am sorry not to have taken some notes from my husband Judge R. B. Lamon as he was thrown with him in Danville where they often met in Court - My husbands Cousin Ward H. Lamon was Mr Lincolns Partner in Danville and Bloomington afterwards Marshall of the District of Columbia - and Mr Lincolns most intimate friend - Am sorry I could not give you some thing of interest in this matter

Respectfully Mrs Lucy A. Lamon

Paris Ills Sept 2nd 1929-

Hio Clay Miller Wins
Mr A. Lincoln
Thoughtful Quiet man
Mrs Lincoln Wrote Letters
Asking for personal recollections
of Mr Lincoln was received.

And Should have been answered ere this - I however have had many things to interfere, have been away, and much engaged since my return - I haven't seen the Historical Society article for

some time so that I can
hardly remember what I
wrote for that article - Both
Mr Lincoln and Mr Douglas
were personal friends of my
Father - were entertained at
home by him when here for
court - Mr Douglas was a very
devoted friend of my oldest
Sister, until she decided to
marry Dr Ten Brook a most estim-
mable gentleman - My husband
practiced Law in Danville when
Mr Lincoln attended Court there
Ward H. Lamon and my husband

And this related to Jno. Logan's visit to Danville

Robert Bruce Lamon was our own Cousins
and my intimate- Ward H. told me
himself that had he been at home
on Lincoln would not have attended the
Theatre the night- he was killed- He had
to go to Richmond on Government business
and went to the White House to try to get
Lincoln to promise to stay at home that
night- he had heard whisperings about
that worried him- After a long talk on Lin-
coln said now Hill "if you will suspend
the oration I'll come and sit on your
lap and be good"- just then a mutual friend
came in and Lincoln said to him, "this boy
wants me to promise to stay at the White
House while he is away, afraid I'll be killed-
why if any one wanted to kill me he could
come right here and do it-" He could not
be convinced of the danger- I heard Lincoln
deliver his last address here in 1858- as
soon as he had finished he went right
over to see my mother, my father having
died- I heard him once after his elec-
tion speak from the balcony of the Con-
tinental Hotel in Philadelphia- I knew Dennis
Hanks personally- He was an intelligent
man, without having any early advan
tages- He however made a better appearance
than his words & the day give him credit for-

Lamon, Lucy A.

Hinsdale, Ill
Aug. 25, 1932

Lincoln Foundation,
Fort Wayne,
Indiana.

Dear Sirs:-

In todays' copy of the Hinsdale paper I noticed your request for persons knowing Abraham Lincoln.

A great aunt of mine Mrs Lucy Lamon West Madison St, Paris, Ill

saw Lincoln a number
of times & knew him.
He was entertained
often at her father's
home - She knows
a number of Lincoln
stories -

Very truly
Mrs F. E. Bates.

P.S. Mrs Lemon is
eighty nine -

LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT
Referred to
RECT AUG 27 1932
Answered
LIFE

Lamon, Lucy A.

Paris Ills Sept-1st 1932-

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MAIL DEPARTMENT
Referred to
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Answered
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Hon Louis A. Warren

Dear Sir

At your request I am sending the mallin which you asked for - I have seen Lincoln a number of times, at my fathers house where he took dinner while in Court-here - I am told that Lincoln was present when I took my first-steps - I heard him speake in a grove of my uncles in 1856 and in 1858 - my father died in 1856 - but Mrs Lincoln must immediately in 1858 after his address over to see

my mother – I saw Lincoln at the Continental Hotel in Philadelphia, and heard him with Edward Everett – my parents had the pleasure of hearing Lincoln at dinner different times while in Paris – Ward Hill Lamon his most intimate friend was my Husbands cousin – their fathers were brothers – Miss Tarbell has a good likeness of Hill Lamon in her life of Lincoln –

my father was on the staff of Gov Reynolds, and was one of the three Generals in the Black Hawk War – was chairman of the board of public works of the state – my husband practices law in Danville while Lincoln and Lamon were in partnership – over

I am sure the dedication of the Monument
I am sure will be interesting - Should like
very much to be there - but am afraid
I cannot go - - Thank you for the Lincoln
Items - am very glad to give you any
information that I know of

Yours truly
Lucy A. Lawson

People who heard Lincoln at ~~Gettysburg~~

C. M. Baumgras
10602 Wilbur Ave Cleveland

Mrs. M. O. Smith on program
Hanover, Pa

J. C. Strankel,
New Cumberland, Pa.

Allen Howard Taylor
Delaware, O.

The Pennsylvania Soldiers' & Sailors' Home

Erie, Pennsylvania

February 25, 1931

Mr. Howard C. Terry
9528 Wisteria Street
Bristleton, Phila. Penna.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that the following named members of this Home saw Abraham Lincoln:

Edward Landenberger
Mathias Glenzinger
Solomon Preston
Theodore Ayers.

Very truly yours,

David B. Simpson

Col. David B. Simpson
Commandant

DBS;mcd

Erie Epistle #1. 3/8/1931.

Konrad Howard K. Lerry Hallow.

Hallow. I saw president

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Layd in state

Chestnut st above 5th

body brought in via P.R.R

Frankford ave. Norris

Front and Harrisons Sts.

was first boy down there

why as my mother called me.

Epistle #2. Penn 2

Konrad Lerry

Year 1898 Feby 15th

war fever thrill

passed through my system

Enrolled plaintiff went up to

Second Regiment armory

had full quota 60 Men Company

I was sent for (42)

Enlisted fourty two yrs

was fifty two (52)

Examined by three Doctors

when mustered out

was with my Brother

Mfg Hosiery thirty 30 yrs

1928 - 82 years young

Fell over in Mill (so you see)

I was an Industrial Soldier

and the United States

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Eric Epistle #3. 3/8/1931. Epistle #4. Penn a
Konrad Kerry.

Konrad Perry

Hallo

The people living before
Civil war were very poor
very little manufacturing
only in Summer
Woollen Goods
Season ended September
in 1872 we had machines
changed made first line
Spring "Hosiery"
Many Many Kids
running Bare footed
and Bare limbed

Hallo

Of Course
You Know this country
was run by
England and France
Free Trade
Major Anderson
spiked his Guns at
Fort Sumpter
our Congress met
in 1861. made TARIFF
on all manufactured goods
then smoke stacks grew
over night Making
Principally war Goods
I worked at Hosiery for
United States army
Young soldier Textile

Epistle #5.

Hallo Konrad Terry

In reference to
prolongation of civil war
Jealosy of the Commanders
would not meet Corps
Commanders, allowed Men
to be slaughted
General U. Grant
would not take hold
unless he had
Sole Command.
Politics
prolonged War.

Epistle #6.
Konrad TERRY.

Hallo In reference to Jurances
President James BUCHANAN
was called 19 cent Jimmy
as he only 10 cts a Day was
enough for working Man
do you see why the Germans
are frugal they
know value of money
I says to my Grand Mother
what we going to have for
supper to night answer
I guess we have Mutting
for a change — I Grabbed
the Kid by the Hand
around the circle we go
singing mutting for a
Change tonight

Landenberger, Edward Assassination Erie, Pa.

Epistle # 7.

Konrad Terry

Hallo[w] Not far distaunt
when we will have
England for Coaling
Station
Ireland
for Pleasure Grounds
work 3 three days week
Go very ar Friday
return in time to
start Tuesday Morning working
Mathe da talk long long
Buttons/ Us
meow

Sincerely Yours Truly
Landenberger Edward
box 433 Essex Run 9

Lanham, W. N. Glendale, Calif.

Glendale Calif Dec 30-1929

My Dear Friend Received My Dear
so much good to get such Kind
Letter Was very much Surprised
Calif and Boston Mail and
Philadelphia Pa and also I Have
so much to write I don't no what
to comment on What Friend
B at most Thats one thing Keep
it on my Mind I can't Hardly and
Mind is Stuck in volume 20
I B 92 I Have in Jail Book
Book I B Living if Some of Friends
Calif Dear Dennis Friend Kelly on
the 3rd Main Creek at Long Neck
that Seller you Lives in Philadelphia
Pa I Have Written Last month Her
from Hall Have not Heard from
me Letter my Brother Dennis
Ki Said that is No Reason My
Brother Friend Kelly at Long
it to mates Seller Easily Two
a Mallard Beaches in Head of Bay

3.

1863 Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln

Natives

Abolish Lincoln

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Lanham, Wm. W.

Burbank Calif.
dec 21 - 1931

My dear Friend.

I am so glad to know that there is some one else [illegible] Abraham Lincoln. I sure do [illegible] Abraham Lincoln beat 3 parties in running for the presidency in 1860. The Democrats party met at Baltimore. There the Democrat party split. The north [illegible] put Douglas a little giant of Ill. for president and the southern Dem met at Charleston S. Caloline bringing out Breckenridge of Kentucky for president. And the Rep. put out Bell from Tennessee. And

Lincoln beat all three parties.
Lincoln & Jeff Davis knew each the
Lincoln was a captain in one
of Davis Regiment in the Black
Hawk war in 1831-1832 in Ill.
July the 3. 1863. Lincoln prayed to
God. all night. to give them the
victory. and he would free the
Negroes. And they got the victory
and won Gettysburg and Vicksburg.
and Lincoln kept his work. freeing
the negroes. If Lincoln had of lived
the colored race would of been sent
to their own country Africa.
Lincoln told the S — you cant
fight all ways. and no gain on
either side. You will have to quit.
The South expected England. France &
Germany. to recognize them as
a seperate goverment. England made
some war vessels for the South.
and Lincoln sent Bishop Simpson
of the Methodish Church to England

to say to the Prime minister and Queen victoria. If (England) made another war vessel for the South. they would be war between United States & England. And that settled it right there.

England told the South if they would go on to the Enmies Country, and Win a great victory. They would recognize them a seperate government. Lincoln was no friend of England and England was no friend of ours. allways taking advantage of United states. And we were helpless at that time.

Lincoln often spoke of our grudge against England. and told this story. Josephine he said Jones represents our Country + Brown England. Jones was taken very ill. and the Dr said he would die. and if he had a grudge against any one to made his peace with them.

and so he said. Well Brown was his worst ~~Enemy~~ Enemy. and if he could make peace with him. he could with all the others. So Brown was sent for. and they wept over each other and gave the past. Just as Brown was leaveing Jones stooped himself up on his arm and said Say Brown I & I get well that grudge shall stands. Lincoln said that the world would never make trucks across the Continental nuts. or drink out of the Chicago river. And it was on the Chicago river that Lincoln saw the first steam boat that ever ran up there. and it couldnt get up steam enough to blow the whistle and run at the same time. so when they came to a town they would stop & blow the whistle

I am 94 yrs old was born the 2 of October 1837. near Springfield. Ill. as I am nearly blind am having a county write this for me.

William W Lanham
435 Delaware Road. Burbank Cal.

LaSern, James State House - Phila. Philadelphia, Pa.

Phil^a July 7/3,

Dear Sir, Your letter & congratulation was rec^d with many thanks for the same - I am enjoying very good health, but my right eye is very poor; I am not able to

I saw Abraham Lincoln after his 1st election to the Presidency, he was brought to Phil^a with a strong guard of detectives & while here he addressed the people from front of the State House as we called it in those days the crowd was so dense that I could not get very close but caught his eye & he saw me. I also saw his funeral after he assassination, twice passed through Phil^a on his way to Illinois - I also wish to see your statue & can accompany

I saw in this city it was the

mock funeral given in memory of

Genl Zachariah Taylor one of the heroes

of the Mexican War - altho' a great many

have taken place of late for the brave

Colley to the Austin Abes steps below

4th & 5th Streets Thursday we walked from

Hendrix McCaston House & back to the Female

College - I suppose you people saw

the same thing - I saw Mr. Duane

the Lawyer who pleads for me a heap

I am sure - now you must excuse

all errors I can't see any thing

after I have written it more on my

thanks to you for your courtesy I am

Very Truly

Jamis LaSeur

Austin 30 November 1850

Latham, Ellen Virginia

PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF PHILADELPHIA
FORTY SIXTH AND MARKET STREETS

July 8, 1935.

The Curator of Lincoln Memorial Museum,
c/o The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing photostatic copies of a paper entitled "The Truth About Abraham Lincoln." I should like to know whether you think this paper is more or less authentic and whether it has any value whatever.

I received this among other papers upon the death of my aunt, Mrs. M. L. McBryde, earlier this year. Mrs. McBryde had been living for a number of years in the West End Home, Nashville, Tennessee. Unfortunately, the name Latham does not seem to mean anything to me nor to my cousin. I had no knowledge of this paper until I came across it with some other things.

Your reply will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. Russell Stewart

C. Russell Stewart.

CRS:MEG
Enclosures

July 18, 1935

Mr. C. Russell Stewart

Provident Mutual Life Ins.Co.
Market Street at Forty-Sixth
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I read with very much interest the photostat copy of the manuscript "The Truth About Abraham Lincoln."

It appears to me that with the exception of two or three statements made on the first page of the manuscript that its accuracy is well supported by other reminiscences of the President.

It is impossible, however, for Abraham Lincoln to have attended college at Bowling Green in Kentucky as he was but seven years of age when he left the state and he says in his own words that he was never inside of a college during his early years.

There was another family of Lincolns living in the vicinity of Bowling Green who had a son by the name of Abraham Lincoln and who was about ten or twelve years older than President Lincoln and his own cousin, by the way.

It is possibly this Lincoln who attended Bowling Green College and the confusion would be quite natural.

Possibly it was also the home of this Abraham Lincoln which Mr. Latham remembered and while it is true the Lincolns were not poverty stricken and were from rather a good family, I feel quite sure that while in Kentucky they occupied log cabins.

It does not appear to me that there would be any value attached to the manuscript except it would be for release in some magazine that might be interested in the reminiscences. Possibly the Sunday supplement of some Philadelphia paper might be your best avenue of release, especially so if you are acquainted with any of the editors.

We are very glad indeed to have the privilege of looking over the photostats and if you care to have them returned we will be pleased to do so by return mail.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EM Director

The Truth About Abraham Lincoln

You read of Mr Lincoln not being well educated and having to study by an open fireplace. He attended college at Bowlingreen considered the best college in Kentucky. My father, John Larkham, was there at the same time; they were such close friends that the boys called them twins. When my father graduated he went up to Springfield, Illinois, as grandfather had moved there. Father was soon married and in a few years went with his wife and sister to Bethan College in Virginia to

study for the ministry under Alexander Campbell and there I came into the world.

Father died when I was only two months old. Mother went back to Illinois as father had quite an estate there, but mother died before I was three years old and I was taken to Aunt Lucy and Uncle Grant Blackwell in Kentucky. I have seen Mr. Lincoln's old home at a distance. It was a white frame building like most of them in that section of the State. I don't know how wealthy Mr. Lincoln's parents were but they were never classed among the "poor whites" as the negroes used to call the poor people.

My Aunt Lucy and

Uncle Grant Blackwell died when I was about thirteen; then my Connection to me to Springfield Illinois.
Mr Lincoln had moved there some years before - and he became one of the leading lawyers of the state.
He married Miss Todd a very handsome young woman. My home in Springfield was with Aunt Kate Latham - she was a widow and had quite a family.
Mr Lincolns home was on the same street as Aunts: he passed us in going and coming from his office and would often come in to see how we all were. If I saw him coming I would run up stairs to my room, for I did not wish to see him after his election - the evening before they to start for Washington Aunt Kate gave them a farewell reception

of course the house was crooded all the
Evening - as soon as I cooked I got the
Young people to come into the Living
room; and I closed the door that
led to the ballroom we were joking a
merry time. Arthur Baithache and and
I were standen I in front of a couple
he were sitting on a divon near one
corner of the room, presently I heard the
door open hefrom the parlor, I looked
to see who was coming - as and was
surprise to see that it was Mr Linken
he came up and reached out his
hand to me, of coorse I had to take
it, but I didnt to - he says I have
discovered that you ar John Lathems
garden, I said yes sir he was my
Father, but he says Amit Kate tell
me you are a rebel - yes sir -
he replies but if you are John
Lathams daughter who can you be

a rebel – he would be one too if he
[illegible] was any reply – "You are John's
daughter sure, that sounds just like
him – then he says I do wish that –
I had before that – you were John's
daughter – I would have tried to get
you to see it – as I do: but now I will
have to leave it – to some of our loyal
young men putting his hand on
Arthur Baldacher's schoulder who was
standing by by side – he says Arthur
Court – you courting her – Arthur replied
out by any means she can out talk me
on that – subject – to do our. Mary Lincoln
started to go the parlor – but he retired
and came back – and took my hand
and said of all the ones I have met
in my long experience, that I loved
so well as John Latham – and I
am glad to meet my daughter

Mr Lincolns last word of ther he was
sohl were. "Iyo will be done"
Aunt had Uncle Spidy her husband
removed, and she donated that lot
to the state. to have Mr Lincoln
buried there, because it was southeast
a position lot and was near the
entrance to the cemetery.
After Mr Lincolns death. it what thought
with the eastern people to go
down to Kentucy to see Mr Lincolns
old home. The old negroe Mary
in the south cabin with gold Smith in
large cabin. rose a very large fine
flage for negroes want to be soldiers.
so a farmer who lived some miles
from the old Lincoln home had
two of the same cabins combined by
this one one. and had a board
sign painted Lincolns old home
and put up over the door of cabin

had a lock of hair on his gate — and
I charges .25 a dimathinde Dis yo ar.
This went on for quite a while before the
Governor heard of it — when he did
he was quite indignant — and he sent
the two Constables down there to put a
stop to it — as when they asked the man
what made him go such a thing
his reply was — Oh I was only joking
the Yankees and I dont care how
much I fool them. And he would
show them the big fireplace and that
was where Lincoln study the fire place,

by

Ellen Virginia Lathrop

Lawrence, J. M. Petersburg soldier Homelake, Colo.

Homelake Colorado April 2nd. 1931

Howard K. Terry
Bustleton Pa.

Dear Sir:

This morning, by his secretary, our Comman der, (should say Commandant) handed to me your letter of Mch. 28th. asking if any of the members, ever knew ABRAHAM LINCOLN, or saw him.

I never had the honor of speaking to Mr. Lincoln.

At one time during the CIVIL WAR, I saw President Lincoln, in fact was close to him. I cannot give the date, but it was when Mr. Lincoln - Genl. Grant - Genl. Burnsides - Genl. Ferro, (dont think that is the correct way to spell that name) Lets try, FERRERO, and the Staff of each General, rode into the City of Petersburg. My regiment (17th. Michigan) was Provost Guard for General Ferrero, who was in command of the first Division Ninth army Corps, and by the way, I was Commissary of my Regiment, and was close by President ## and his Company of Generals .

I also saw how the Colored people crowded about Mr. Lincoln's Horse , In fach I assisted in clearing the people away so the President and Officers could get to their quarters. I should add, that President Lincoln did not know that I was there, other than one of many trying to clear the way.

I really cannot imaging what good this can do you, but you surely are welcome to to the statement.

Respectfully

J. M. Lawrence

Past Commander Joe Hooker Post G. A. R.

P. S. I also was in the Grande Parade in Washington D. C. at the close of the War.

Lawrence, J. M. Fredericksburg - soldier Homelake, Colo.

Homelake Colo. Mch. 12th - 32

Mr. Howard K. Terry
9528 Wisteria,
Bustleton
Philadelphia
Pen n.

Dear Sir;

While I think I have had plenty in the papers of late, about my admittance to the Colorado Bar, I think I will give to you a little statement of facts. I have not of late been reading law as some papers have it. I was admitted to the bar in 1877. only lately admitted here in Colorado.

The Title "MAJOR" was not by any appointment in the army. Was at one time ADJUTANT of this Home and the Adjutant is called MAJOR.

I was born in Michigan December 23rd. 1841. I enlisted in year 1862 Company " E "17th Michigan Inf. Afterwards Commissary of Regiment.

You ask, Did you ever see Abraham Lincoln ? YES. I cannot give dates but when Genl's GRANT, BURNSIDE, FERRO , and some other Generals rode into Fredericksburg Pa. I was close to President LINCOLN, in fact helped our men to keep the Colored People away from his horse, and it was some job. Mr. Lincoln was not a very graceful rider, in fact at that time had he applied for a job as Cow-Puncher in the San LOUIS VALLEY, he would surely have been turned down. Let me give to you a little that happened right there. I had with me my Assistant Commissary, BILLIE PARKER, and he came running up to me, and Said "JOHNNIE, Look at that damned fool, he will fall off that Horse if he dont hang onto that Saddle " He did'nt know he was talking about President Lincoln. BUT WE ALL LIKED Mr. LINCOLN.

By the way- Mr. Lincoln did'nt know that Billie Or I were there. Comrade Louis Barron of this address, saw Mr. Lincoln during the Civil War Service, I dont know if he ever spoke to him.

Yours Very Truly,

J. M. Lawrence

J. M. Lawrence
Formally Non - Com - Staff, 17th Mich Inft.

1862 - to 1865

W.L. Suggests that I Tell you why the Colored folks had to be kept away from Lincoln. They wanted to thank him for their Freedom and would even Kiss his feet & his horse. Could hardly blame them

Leale, Dr. Charles A. Funeral Train New York, N.Y.

TWELVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE
MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
Bustleton, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Terry:

Your letter has been forwarded to me by Mr. Rockwell, my secretary. In the letter you said for me to notify each of my Pastor, Dr. Rockwell. Our dear Father passed away on June thirteenth this year.

It was yesterday. I am that time I will

Leavitt, C. E.

Paris, Ill. - speech

Mechanicsburg, Ohio

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The Lincoln National Life Foundation.

Ft Wayne Ind.

Dear Sirs

I am 82 years of age and heard Abraham Lincoln speak at Paris Illinois and saw him split a log into rails as the procession marched around the public square. This was during his first campaign for President. I have a vivid recollection of Mr Lincoln, the speech impressed itself indelably on my mind. I recall that the audience, at Mr Lincolns request, did not interrupt until the speech was finished, when enthusiasm ran high.

I would be glad to have any information about the celebration.

Truly Yours, C E Leavitt

(C.E.Leavitt)

I can vouch for Mr Leavitt in every way.

F M Clemans Pres. Farmers Bank.

P.S.

Mr Wm Saxbe of this place, a civil war veteran 93 years of age, saw Lincoln ride thru camp during the war, on an inspection tour.

FMC

LeGrand, Sr., J.W.

Los angeles Cal. Feb. 5–1913

Editor Knoxville Journal
Knoxville Iowa

My Dear Mr Curtis. I will add to the Knoxville Journalist of Lincoln voters one, more. I voted for Abraham Lincoln when I was but 18 years old at Dining Station Georgia just before, we started on the famor march through Georgia to the Sea; all Iowa Soldiers being allowed to vote. I was a member of Co. D. 6th Iowa Vetron volunteer Infantry 2nd Brgade 1st Division of the, 15th Army corps. Which was called Logan's vetran corps. I was with the comma nd to Savanna Ga. and then through South & N. Carolina. Yours Truly
J.W. LeGrand. Sr

Lent, Mr. J. M. Mechanicsburg, Pa. Dunkirk, Ind.

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Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Gentlemen:--

I have just received your story entitled "Twenty Hoosiers Recall Seeing Abraham Lincoln". In looking over the list I note that you have not yet recorded the name of one of Dunkirk's citizens who is entitled to be one of the list. Mr. J. M. Lent, of this city, rode with a wagon with Lincoln [illegible] his speaking campaign during 1860. Mr. Lent was then a boy of 12 and his meeting with Lincoln occurred at Mechanicsburg, Pa.

I am enclosing you, under another cover, a story of this meeting which you will note was published on February 19, 1931. Mr. Lent is still alive and in fairly good health, and has been living his home with his daughter, Mrs. Sadie Fishback, in this city.

I trust you will supplement your list with his name.

Very truly yours,

Barker Publishing Co.

By N. D. Barker

NDB:MS

DUNKIRK CITIZEN MET ABE LINCOLN

J. M. LENT RODE WITH HIM IN A WAGON IN 1860

Mr. Lent, Then a Boy of 12, Met the Great War President in Pennsylvania

Yesterday being the 122d anniversary of the birth of the immortal Lincoln, it might not be out of place to call attention to the fact that Dunkirk has a citizen, J. M. Lent, father of Mrs. Sadie Fishback, who met and talked to Abraham Lincoln in the fall of 1860.

This event took place at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Lent lived as a boy, and he was 12 years old when Lincoln came there to speak during his first campaign for the presdency.

Mr. Lent says that enthusiastic crowds followed Mr. Lincoln when he got off the train which brought him from Shippensburg, till he reached the center of the town.

Lincoln, accompanied by the leading Republican citizens there, climbed into a huge farm wagon drawn by six horses, so many of them they all had to stand up. This conveyance was to convey them to a grove some three miles from town, where the speech was to take place and dinner served to the crowd by the ladies.

Mr. Lent says he ran along beside the team for a ways, when the driver told him to climb aboard. There was a sort of footboard alongside the wagon box, and as he tried to get up on it, Mr. Lincoln saw him and called out: "Look out, my boy, or you'll get under those wheels! Here lad, give me your hand." The boy gladly did so, and the future president lifted him into the wagon, where he stood at Lincoln's side during the three mile drive. Lincoln asked him his name and carried on a casual conversation with him during part of the journey.

Mr. Lent says he did not pay close attention to the speech, as he hardly knew what it was all about, but when the call for dinner came—a long table being set up among the trees, he secured a place only two seats away from the great man.

He says the thing that impressed him most about Lincoln was his height, rising a head above the crowd as he stood among the people, the high top hat he wore, and the very ordinary clothes he wore.

Mr. Lent is still in fairly good health despite his 82 years. He was born Nov. 23, 1848.

Lewis, Enoch....

Philadelphia, Pa.

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
S. E. COR. 6TH AND WALNUT STREETS

February 25th, 1931.

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
Bustleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Terry:-

Answering your inquiry of the 20th instant, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the calendar of the First Unitarian Church, on page 3 of which you will find the account of safeguarding the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Very sincerely yours,

E. Paul Hutchinson

Secretary.

First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia

CHESTNUT ST. ABOVE TWENTY-FIRST

REV. FREDERICK R. GRIFFIN
MINISTER

Entangled in the web of life, bewildered by its vicissitudes, submerged by its demands, harassed by its haste and waste, our hearts cry out for a meaning in events, an interpretation of experience, a hold on the stability of universal and beneficent Law. Reveal to us, we pray, this vision of a purposeful Universe, and restore to us by communion with the Eternal the significance and worth of the passing days. Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee. From the wanderings of our desires and the hesitancy of our resolutions, and the perversity of our passions, lift us into the higher air of tranquil and self-forgetting dedication to Thy mysterious but merciful designs.

—FRANCIS GREENWOOD PEABODY.

A CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1931

Church Directory

Minister—Rev. Frederick R. Griffin, D.D.
Residence: 237 Montgomery Ave., Haverford
Telephone: Ardmore 1735.
Dr. Griffin will be at the Church Study on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and at other times by appointment.
Telephone: Rittenhouse 6536.

Parish Worker—Miss Martha C. Stimson
Residence: Concord Hall, 45th & Spruce Sts.
Telephone: Baring 2388
Miss Stimson will be at the Parish House every morning (Mondays excepted) from 9.30 to 12.30.
Telephone: Rittenhouse 6536.

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Sexton—Claude L. Davis, residence, the Parish House. While the Parish House is usually open every day, the sexton should be notified of all meetings which are not previously announced in the Calendar.

Parish House Telephone, Spruce 8866

February Meetings

Sunday morning services at eleven o'clock. Dr. Griffin will preach on the 8th and 15th. Dr. Fineshriber will preach on the 1st, and Dr. Speight on the 22nd.

Church School on Sundays at ten and eleven o'clock.

Church School Chapel Service Sundays at ten-forty.

Fellowship of Youth on Sundays, the 1st and the 15th.

Joseph Priestley Associate Alliance on Thursday, the 5th.

Red Spiders on Sundays the 8th and 22nd.
Book Club on Sunday the 15th.
Women's Alliance on Thursday the 19th.
Evening Alliance on Tuesday the 24th.
The Aid on Wednesdays the 4th and 18th.
The Samaritan Society every Wednesday at ten o'clock.
The Girl Scouts every Friday at four o'clock.

Guest Preachers in February

On Sunday morning, February first, Dr. William H. Fineshriber, Rabbi of Temple Keneseth Israel, will preach for us. Dr. Fineshriber has preached for us before and we know him to be one of the ablest speakers and one of the most trusted religious leaders in Philadelphia.

Dr. Harold E. B. Speight, of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, will preach for us on Sunday, February 22nd. Dr. Speight has also been with us on more than one occasion in the past and is ever a welcome guest.

Deaths

December 5, 1930—Jane E. Joy.
January 8, 1931—Anna K. Roland.
January 19, 1931—Margaret Centre Klingelsmith.
January 24, 1931—Thomas L. Pillings.

Safeguarding the Life of Abraham Lincoln

Mr. Charles Lyon Chandler has furnished copies of valuable letters which establish the part which two members of the First Unitarian Church played in safeguarding the life of Abraham Lincoln. Prior to the first inauguration of Lincoln in 1861, Mr. Samuel M. Felton, at that time President of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, heard rumors that an attempt would be made to assassinate Lincoln on his

journey to Washington. Mr. Felton employed detectives, arranged special trains, and had telegraph wires cut so that information of Lincoln's movements could not be sent out from railroad centers.

Mr. Enoch Lewis, also a member of the First Church, and at the time General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, aided in safeguarding Lincoln's life by changing the route of trains and by personally conducting Lincoln. Thus it was that Lincoln arrived safely in Washington.

It is surely a matter of much significance to us that two members of our Church successfully thwarted the designs of evil men and saved Lincoln for the Union. The lesson is obvious: we who are the spiritual descendants of such members, should be wakeful to safeguard the men, the movements and the institutions which are essential to our national welfare.

Members of the Church

There are a considerable number of people who are occasional or regular attendants at our services or who are associated with one or more of our group activities but who are not members of our Church. There are a far larger number of people who have little if any connection with our Church, yet who define their religious thought and interests in terms which are essentially Unitarian. All these we invite to our membership. We feel that they need the Church and we know that the Church needs them. We believe that the Church is a beneficent institution, that it ministers to fundamental human needs, that life is richer, more confident, finer in its aims, more self-reliant under the influence and guidance of the Church. We also believe that a Unitarian Church with its freedom, its emphasis upon character and its acceptance of the light which comes from history, science, and all human experience, is especially well fitted to serve us in these disturbed and unsettled days. We need a stronger Church and hence we need more people and great loyalty. Those who belong to us in spirit we ask to join us in name, and with us accept the privileges and responsibilities of our free fellowship.

On Palm Sunday, March 29th, a company of people

will be received into our fellowship. All who contemplate joining the Church at that time are asked to enroll their names in the church book and to consult with Dr. Griffin, who will be glad to explain, as far as such is necessary, the aims and ideals of the Church.

Young People's Vesper Service

February first will be observed in Unitarian churches as Young People's Sunday. In many of the churches, the young people will conduct, or assist in conducting, the regular morning service. Our participation in this observance of a Sunday dedicated to youth will take the form of a Vesper Service in the Joseph Priestley Chapel. The Fellowship of Youth will have entire charge of the service. One member of the Fellowship, Miss Ruth Witherbee, will preach the sermon, and a second member, Mr. Malcolm Preston, will take the balance of the service. There will be a collection for the benefit of the National Young People's Religious Union.

Following the service which will begin at four-thirty, there will be a tea in the parish room at which the young people will be hosts to the congregation.

The Chapel is small, seating eighty people, and it should be filled. It will be filled if the members of the congregation sense the significance of the occasion. Here is a group of serious minded young people who belong to our church, who believe in it, and who love it. They desire to take their place and do their part in the life of the church, and they are ready to do this if we show a natural interest in them, in their ideals and aspirations. It will mean much to them if the Chapel is filled and it will mean much to all of us to know these young people.

Fellowship of Youth

The Fellowship of Youth will meet on Sunday afternoon, February 1st, for the special Vesper Service, and will hold a regular meeting on Sunday, February 15th, at which time an address will be given by Mr. Arthur Shrigley on his European trip in 1930. The address will be illustrated. The Fellowship members are invited to join the Book Club on this occasion for supper at 6.15.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP.—On February 15th Dr. Michael N. Dorizas, Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Pennsylvania, will address the group on "Religion in Russia." Dr. Dorizas has recently returned from a year's trip in Russia and the Orient and is well qualified to speak on the subject. A general invitation is extended to the members of the congregation to this gathering.

Dr. Oscar S. Nelson, of the University of Pennsylvania, on the other Sundays of the month will continue his discussions on "Religion in Human Affairs."

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE.—The Women's Alliance meets on Thursday, February 19th, with a business session at 11 o'clock. At 12 o'clock Miss Grace Spofford, Dean of the Curtis Institute, will give an address on "1930 Musical Festivals," "Bayreuth and Salzburg," and "The Passion Play of Oberammergau." Mrs. William M. Van Leer is the Chairman of the Hostesses.

EVENING ALLIANCE.—The Evening Alliance will meet on Tuesday, the 24th, with dinner at six o'clock. This will be followed by a short musical program, and then an address by Dr. William H. Fineshriber on "The World Court." The Church is particularly fortunate in having two visits from Rabbi Fineshriber in one month, and the Evening Alliance feels confident that a large number of the congregation will be glad to join the Evening Alliance group on this occasion.

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY ASSOCIATE ALLIANCE.—The Joseph Priestley Associate Alliance will meet in the Parish House of the First Unitarian Church on Thursday, February 5th, at 11 o'clock. At 12 o'clock Mrs. Minna Budlong, Field Secretary of the General Alliance, will give an address. Mrs. Budlong knows our Alliance branches from coast to coast. She is a very vigorous and inspiring speaker and should be given a good hearing. Following the address, luncheon will be served.

BOOK CLUB.—The Book Club will meet on Sunday, February 15th, with tea at 6.15. There will be book reviews by Dr. Alice W. Tallant and Mr. J. M. Van Nieukerken. The Supper Committee will be Mrs. N. J. Deiser and Miss Miriam Pennypacker.

RED SPIDERS.—The Red Spiders are invited to attend the Young People's Vesper Service on February 1st and to remain for the Fellowship Tea.

There will also be regular meetings on the 8th and 22nd, at 4.30 o'clock.

On the 8th, the Gula Gulas of the Unitarian Society of Germantown, will be the guests of the Red Spiders. The Candlelight Service will be led by Richard Case. At the meeting on the 22nd, there will be a rehearsal of the play which the Red Spiders will give at the Sunday School Party in March. The Candlelight Service on this date will be led by Helen Borton.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE.—The Laymen's League will hold its next meeting on Monday evening, March 2nd.

GIRL SCOUTS.—In recognition of the second anniversary of the registration of Girl Scout troop No. 137, a Birthday Party will be held in the Parish House on February 6th at seven-thirty o'clock. The mothers of the members of the Troop are cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Griffin will be absent from the city from February 21st to 28th. His appointments during that week will be as follows: Sunday morning, February 22nd, Appleton Chapel, Harvard University; Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, radio service from Station WBZA, Boston; Monday to Saturday, inclusive, Morning Prayers at Appleton Chapel; Monday evening, First Parish Church, Bedford; Tuesday to Friday, inclusive, Noon day Services at King's Chapel, Boston; Tuesday afternoon, February 24th, Simmons College Unity Club; Wednesday evening, February 25th, Dinner for Philadelphia Harvard men at Dunster House, Cambridge; Friday evening, February 27th, Annual Dinner, First Parish Church, Portland, Maine.

Music for February

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1931

Organ—Chorale ..... Franck
Chant—"O Come, Let Us Sing"
Anthem—"Sing a New Song"..... Dvorak-Macrum
Offertory Anthem—"The Sun Goes Down"..... Spicker
(Old Hebrew Melody)
Organ—Toccata ..... Bossi

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1931

Organ—{Preambule, Prelude / Madrigal, Cortege} ..... Vierne
Chant—"God Be Merciful"
Anthem—"The Lord is King" ..... McCollin
Offertory Anthem—"Benedictus" ..... Gounod
Organ—Divertissement. Cortege ..... Vierne

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1931

Organ—{"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (Diton) / Largo from "New World" Symphony..... Dvorak / Hymn to the Sun..... Rimsky-Korsakoff}
Chant—" Be Joyful"
Anthem—"The Lord is My Shepherd"..... D. S. Smith
Offertory Anthem—"God is Love" ..... Shelley
Organ—Finale in D ..... Haydn

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1931

Organ—Adagio from 6th Symphony..... Widor
Chant—"My Soul Doth Magnify"
Anthem—"Far From the World" ..... Parker
Offertory Anthem—"Like as a Father" ..... Lutkin
(Trio for Alto, Tenor and Bass)
Organ—Allegro from 6th Symphony ..... Widor

DR. PHILIP H. GOEPP, *Organist.*

CHOIR

Miss Mildred Matthews, *Soprano*
Miss Ruth Montague, *Alto*
Mr. Frederick Anné, *Tenor*
Mr. Frederick S. Caperoon, *Bass*

Lewis, John S. Harper's Ferry Allentown, Pa.

~~MRS. CHARLES GROSS~~
128 SOUTH FIFTH STREET
ALLENTOWN, PENNA.

Mr. H. L. Ferry

Dear Sir,

In reply to your request of my memoirs of Abe Lincoln during the Civil War. I remember distinctly when the reviewed the Army of the Potomac at Harpers Ferry. He sat on a small Arabian pony with his feet almost touching the ground. He was unusually tall.

~~Mrs. Charles Cross~~
128 SOUTH FIFTH STREET
ALLENTOWN, PENNA.

I also saw him on several occasions in Washington D.C., with his small son out for a stroll. After I was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg I naturally saw him quite often as he visited the soldiers at the Hospital to cheer them up. This is about all I can recall. Belonged to Co. H. 81st Penna Vol., and am in my 90th year

~~MRS. CHARLES CROSS~~
128 SOUTH FIFTH STREET
ALLENTOWN, PENNA.

Hope this will be satisfactory to you, as it is a pleasure for me to give you the information you desire.

Most cordially yours.
John S. Lewis

Feb. 1 – '32 –

Light, Mrs. Joseph

Springfield - Funeral
helped decorate State house

Galion, Ohio. Dayton, Ohio
Oct. 25 - '32.

Dr Louis Warren -

Dear Sir -

Several nights ago I noticed an article in the Columbus Dispatch which said there were 29 people in Ohio who knew Pres. Lincoln personally. I am proud to say I have two aunts, one Mrs Joseph Light living at 943 Manhattan ave Dayton, Ohio, and another Mrs. W. P. Peterman living at 301 North St. Bedford, Ionia, Who were living with their parents in Springfield, Ill. at the time of his assassination and helped their mother Mrs J. C. Westwood to decorate the State House while he lay in state. I also have a few small

pieces of the material used at the time, which were given me by my mother. I am sure you could get any information from them if you so desired.

Respectfully.

Earl Westwood Pettenman
321 Grove ave,
Galion, Ohio.

Lincoln, Edwin H.

WILD FLOWERS OF NEW ENGLAND

THE ORCHIDS OF NEW ENGLAND

EDWIN HALE LINCOLN

PHOTOGRAPHER AND PUBLISHER

PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Jan. 15th 1931.

Edward K. Terry
Bustleton Pa.

My dear Sir.

So far as my knowledge goes I am not related to President Lincoln. But I can give you a story which may interest you.

In the year 1865 I was 17 years of age and lived in the town of Yarmouth in Cape Cod. Mass. My brother Charles 15 yrs old was a clerk in a country grocery directly opposite the house where we lived. He rose early and overslept on the morning of April 15th. He had to open the store and asked me to go over with him and help on the chores etc. We had taken down the shutters and a woman came in for a half pound of tea. In this store at the time was the office of what afterwards became the Western Union and my brother had learned to read by sound. While he was weighing the tea he heard Boston give the call for the entire line and then began sending. Finally began to spell - P-r-e-s-i-d-e-n-t L-i-n-c-o-l-n a-s-s-a-s-s-i-n-a-t-e-d l-a-s-t n-i-g-h-t-

died this morning. My brother jumped to the key, broke the connection and gave the signal to repeat. The same despatch came thro again and was signed "Booth." He boys ran the length of the main street of that village and told the news. I never shall forget the effect of our news on the people of that town, and the women were especially shocked.

I am President of the 5th Regiment Vet. Assn. which meets in June of each year in Boston. One of the oldest of our members was at one time a member of the guard of the White House and he has a book given him by Abraham Lincoln who wrote his name in it at the time. He has been offered a large sum for the book, but it cannot be bought. I will write the secretary of the Association and if he is now alive will try to get him in touch with you.

I have heard him speak several times of his service at the White House and of President Lincoln.

I trust I may have added a bit to your collection.

Yours very truly

Edwin D. Lincoln

Phila Sept 24

Mr. H. B. Terry

Dear Sir

Yours received I am very glad to hear from you I did not know Mr Girard had our talk in the Paper till I received your letter excuse me in not answering your letter sooner as I have a sore right hand & I have some days no use of it to write

I have been 4 years ill from my wound & I am getting about I would like to meet you If you could call on me & let me know what day you could call before 11 & after 3 o clock I can talk better then I can write

I am yours Resp

Jos H Lindsay

2030 W Girard

Girard's Talk of the Day

I HAD a long talk the other day with an extraordinary old hero.

To be nearing one's ninety-first birthday is itself a human triumph. To grow that old after serving three years in one of the great wars of all history is a double victory over time.

Joseph H. Lindsay, who resides at 2030 Oxford street, this city, is not only a nonagenarian, but he fought in twenty major battles of the Civil War.

His official record proves all tbe facts and he yet walks straight and buoyant as half the men I know of fifty.

Mr. Lindsay, however, comes by his bundle of years honestly. A brother died recently at ninety-four, his mother was ninety-seven, while his two grandmothers both lived well beyond a century.

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MR. LINDSAY is a Scotsman, who says he prefers ale.

"Ale will quickly dissolve a raw oyster," he said, "but whisky will preserve an oyster indefinitely."

In eating sea food that is something to think about—one beverage an aid, the other a hindrance to digestion, witb all due apologies to Volstead in botb instances.

I say Mr. Lindsay is a Scotsman, but I meant he was one up until seventy-two years ago when he came to Philadelphia and became a regular American.

"And," he chuckled. "I've been reading Tbe Inquirer every morning for seventy-two years."

Now, I wonder how many other subscribers can match that record.

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OF COURSE, this veteran will concede that he did miss reading his favorite newspaper a few mornings between the spring of 1861 and May, 1864. There was a good reason.

During that period Mr. Lindsay was doing regular fighting with the Second Pennsylvania Regiment of Volunteers.

"For a lot of that time," he told me, "we were alongside the best regiment in either army."

He referred to that original regiment of Bucktails commanded by Colonel Kane, brother of tbe famous Arctic adventurer, Elisha Kent Kane.

Like every old soldier, Mr. Lindsay is truly loyal to his own regiment, but nevertbeless he takes off his hat to the Bucktails.

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AT A winter camp the Bucktails, said Mr. Lindsay, gave exhibitions of their skill as woodsmen.

They were, as you may or may not remember, real woodchoppers from Northern-Central Pennsylvania. Wben they first got into the war they floated on log rafts forty miles down the Sinnamahoning and Susquehanna to the nearest railroad station.

"They would," related the veteran Linsday, "mark a spot on the ground and then wager that they could fell a great tree so that it would fall directly across that mark. And they never missed"

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HE IS the sole survivor, is Mr. Lindsay, of the G. A. R. post of which he has for many decades been an active member.

Tbink of talking today with a man who fought at Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Malvern Hill, Gettysburg, Antietam and the Wilderness!

At Fredericksburg Lindsay barely missed death at the hand of General Meade himself. Meade was riding along a trench and directed a group of soldiers "to rally, boys."

"Rally be damned," muttered one hothead. "If reinforcements come we don't need to rally."

At which General Meade, who heard him, wheeled his horse and struck at the soldier witb bis sword.

Lindsay threw up his own musket, which caught the Generals' sword and broke it in two.

Meade did not seem able at all times to control his super-temper.

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DURING tbe Wilderness battle Lindsay got a deep bullet wound in his neck. "It put me out tben," he said to me, "but it never bothered me much afterwards until the last four years."

One of Lindsay's brotbers, who had lived in New Orleans, was an officer of Louisiana troops in the Civil War.

"I saw our soldiers in Scotland," this veteran of the Army of tbe Potomac continued, "come home from the Crimea and also the Indian Mutiny."

"You can, I suppose, remember when the Duke of Wellington was still living."

"Easily," he answered, "because I was thirteen and recall the ceremonies when he died in 1852."

An uncle of Lindsay's was a member of Parliament.

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AS A boy in Scotland he learned tbe trade of making cotton shirts and for many years Mr. Lindsay carried on that business on Walnut street here in Philadelphia.

The news wbich most interested him in recent weeks was the proposal that Confederate veterans should now formally be united witb the G. A. R.

"I was sorry," said this soldier of a score of pitched battles, "that such a union could not be effected. The war has been over long enough for tbose wbo fought on both sides to forget, at least socially, on which side they were."

While General Galusha Pennypacker lived it was Mr. Lindsay's custom a couple of times a month to call on that extraordinary officer.

"He was one of our best," mused this man who marched away in 1861 carrying a musket and commanded by Colonel William B. Mann.

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"I WAS in the crowd," added Mr. Lindsay, "which heard Lincoln make bis address at Independence Hall in February, 1861, and I saw him raise tbe Flag."

"The last time I saw General Meade he was walking down Chestnut street."

At tbat time Meade, a tall, ratber spare man in physique, had an iron gray beard.

Recalling the Baltimore mob wbich assailed tbe Sixtb Massachusetts regiment, Mr. Lindsay observed:

"We were taken tbrough on open flat cars and, had trouble started, there would have been terrible bloodshed. We had our orders."

GIRARD

Love, Bengelstrasser, Henrietta Washington, D.C. saw manytimes, particularly in theatre Frankfort, Ind.

52 N.Clay St
Frankfort, Ind.
Feb.21, 1933

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir;-

A couple of months ago I noticed an article in our local paper telling of the search which you had conducted in regard to the number of Hoosiers living to-day who remembered seeing Lincoln. At the time my mother was very ill so I did not write, However she is much better now and I thought you might like her name added to your list.

She is not a native Hoosier, having been born across the water, but brought to this country when about three years old. Her parents died from the "black plague" shortly after their arrival in Peru Illinois. Dr. R.B.Landon was their Physician and promised to look after the childrem . The older two were cared for by different families but my mother--Henrietta Bengelstrasser -- was finally adopted by him. Dr. Landon moved to New York State, where later his wife died. He enlisted as a surgeon in the Civil War and while located at the convalencent camp out from Washington he brought my mother to that city to attend school. She was in Washinton for fifteen months during the War time.

While in the city she saw Lincoln at various times but the most vivid experience was in a theater. She and her father were sitting across the aisle and one seat back from the President. When the play was over every one arose and as Lincoln turned into the aisle he directly faced Dr, Landon , who was a man six feet seven inches. He exclaimed, "why here is a man taller than I am."

My mother later in life came west where she met my Father, a Presbyterian Home Missionary, Rev. David R.Love, who died in 1910. She has lived in Indiana over fifty years and was 87 last October. (Mrs. Henrietta B, Love, 52 N.Clay St , Frankfort , Ind.)

Yours truly,

Mabel Love

Lucas, Lee R. Bloomington, Ill. L.-D. Debate Cleveland Hts, Ohio

"I saw Lincoln"

Full name Lee R. Lucas

Present address 1134 - Oxford Rd. Cleveland Hts.

Date of birth Year 1843 Month October Day 14

Place of birth Bloomington Illinois

Where you saw Lincoln Bloomington "

When you saw Lincoln 1857 or 58

Remarks:- during time of debate with Stephen A. Douglas.

Yours

Lee R. Lucas.

Civil War Vet of Co B. 11th Ill. this dating Sept 15 - 1932.

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My Howard K Sloey,

My dear Sir

Yours of Nov 14-21 - before me
Trusting You pardon for long
delay in replying to your request
regarding a little information I
might be able to add to your
sought collection. would say.
I was born in Bloomington Ill.
& at age 12. Father took me down to
the court House to hear Lincoln &
Douglas only a few years passed
I enlisted at Shelbyville Ill
Wheel 2. C. B. & L. of the 116 Ill. Joining
same at Camp Butler Ill. under
Col Jesse Moore, of Decatur..
during late summer I expect to
go to Springfield certainly gladly
comply with your request & for
the information sought we
Comrade Rodeia few weeks
ago. anything I can add for your
endeavor glad so to do, wishing
you all success,
Yours Truly. Lee R Lucas,

Lucas, Lee R.

Cleveland Hts., Ohio

SAW LINCOLN

LEE R. LUCAS

In answer to an article published in the Lakewood Post issue of August 26 in which the Lincoln Life Foundation wanted to know who was the oldest person in Ohio who heard, saw or knew Abraham Lincoln, Lee R. Lucas writes the editor that he was present with his father at the Lincoln-Douglas debate and had the privilege of shaking hands with the great Emancipator.

Mr. Lucas was a former resident of Lakewood and now lives with his sister, Mrs. B. A. Jones, 1034 Oxford rd., Cleveland Heights. His daughter, Mrs. J. Ruppeisburg lives at 1421 Larchmont ave.

Mr. Lucas will be 89 in October. During the civil war he served with the 115th Illinois regiment.

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Ohio 9/9/32

Lukens, Mrs. Eliza Carr Galesburg, Ill. Rock Island, Ill.
L.-D. Debates

Rock Island Ill.
Nov 1st 1931.

Mr. H. W. Terry,
Bustleton. Pa.-

Dear Sir-

Your letter to my Mother Mrs. Eliza Carr Lukens - should have been answered long ago - but my brother and I were away on a trip when it came and since it has just been procrastination.

I am sorry to have to tell you Mother passed away May 4th 1930 at the age of 89 yrs- & Three mo. We realize now that we made a great mistake in not asking her to write down some of these things that she loved to talk over and she also loved to write. She was very keen to the last & sight and hearing unimpaired.

She was a student at Lombard College, Galesburg in '58 at the time of the Lincoln-Douglas debate there - she and Mary Pike - another student presented Mr. Lincoln

with a banner – he asked them what he should do with it and Mother said she answered – "Take it with you to Washington" The State Historical Society of Kansas – I believe, now have this banner. Mrs. Sarah Norris of Rock Island was also a student at Lombard at the time – & she was "Illinois" in the parade on that day – but she passed away this last spring.

So I know of no one who ever saw Mr. Lincoln.

Sincerely yours

Lura Lukens.

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